

4. Please briefly summarize in a separate document your current and previous experience assisting crime victims and other relevant employment in the last five years. Provide position, organization, responsibilities, and dates of service in chronological order.
5. Please briefly state why you want to attend the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy and how your participation will be of benefit to you (professionally and personally), your organization, and your community. Include any additional information that you believe is important for the applicant selection committee. Please limit your response to no more than two pages.
6. Name, work phone number and e-mail address of your current supervisor:

7. Your signature below signifies your commitment to attend the full 40 plus hour course and make all travel arrangements accordingly.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUPERVISORS: Do you know about the Outcome Measures for Administrators Training to be held at the Academy on June 9, 2006? Check out the ACVS website at www.azcvs.net or call Katrisha at ACVS 480-539-7476 for more details and a registration form.

8. Please mail the original copy of your completed application form and letter of recommendation, with signed commitment to:

Connie Chapman
ACVS AVAA
P.O. Box 4600
Phoenix, AZ 85030
Fax: 602-534-4540

Questions? Contact:
Katrisha Stuler
Phone: 480-539-7476
Email: AVAA@cox.net

Application due date – February 28, 2006

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy warmly welcomes bilingual applicants. Please note, however, that all Academy sessions will be conducted in English.

9. Please type or print clearly below your name as you would like it to appear on your Certificate of Completion.

Name: _____

History of Advocacy & Victim Rights • Professionalism of Victim Advocacy • Diversity • Criminal Justice System
• Restitution • Victim Compensation • Victimology, Crisis Response & Mental Health • Domestic Violence • Stalking
• Crimes Against the Elderly • Identity Theft • Drunk Driving & Victimization • Community Trauma • Homicide
• Adult Sexual Abuse & Assault • Legal Overview of Child Victimization • Outcome Measures

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For Crime Victims



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Victim Assistance
Academy



June 4 - 9, 2006

Application



ARIZONA VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA) offers a rare opportunity to live, work, study and interact with victim service providers from all areas of advocacy. While it is assumed that students have had previous training in their area of specialization, this course provides a fundamental overview of the entire field of advocacy including victimology, victim rights, and victims' assistance for residents in Arizona.

AVAA Goals

- 1. To provide a broad spectrum of basic advocacy training which will standardize the training of crime victim advocates in Arizona.
- 2. To expand and enhance the level of professionalism within the victim services field.
- 3. To provide an opportunity to network with other victim service providers.
- 4. To increase participants' knowledge of national, state, and local resources.

AVAA Location

Flagstaff, Arizona is an ideal site for the AVAA as it sits in the heart of the nation's largest ponderosa forest and it is blessed with a mild summer climate and an incredible view of the San Francisco Peaks.

The Radisson Woodlands, the location of the Academy, provides state-of-the-art seminar space, spacious rooms and lots of amenities, including in-room Internet access and a business center.



Photo Credit: Radison Woodlands

Who Should Attend?

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy encourages the attendance of individuals from victim service organizations and other agencies that serve crime victims that have at least one year of experience. This includes volunteers and paid staff from a variety of community-based and system-based programs.

Application Process

An application form is included with this brochure. Please share this announcement with other victim service providers who wish to apply to the Academy. In order to be eligible for selection, candidates must submit a completed application. Include a letter of recommendation from your supervisor or program coordinator. The blank application form may be photocopied and shared. Applications must be received by February 28, 2006. Do not send registration fee at this time. Once you are notified of selection, registration fees will be due.

Send application to:

Connie Chapman
ACVS AVAA
P.O. Box 4600 Phoenix, AZ 85030

Questions? Contact:
Katrisha Stuler, Academy Project Director
Phone: 480-539-7476
Email: AVAA@cox.net

Selection Criteria

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy is designed primarily for victim service providers who are new to the field of advocacy with a minimum of one year of experience. Volunteers in the field with a minimum of twelve months active volunteer experience are welcome to apply. Applicants with more than five years experience should address their interest in attending this fundamental training on Question 5 of the application form. The selection process is intended to promote an Academy class that represents the state's urban, suburban and rural communities, and is geographically, culturally and professionally diverse.

Applicants will be notified of their selection status by March 24, 2006.

Academy Costs and Time Frames

All students must arrive and register at the Radisson Woodlands by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2006. The Academy will close on Friday, June 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Students must attend the entire Academy. The cost to students for registration, all course materials, breakfast and lunch is \$500. Hotel and dinner not included.

Academy Scholarships

- OVC TTAC: Full scholarships for registration, room and board are available. To obtain an application visit the website: www.ovcttac.org/taResources/scholarship.cfm
- DPS VOCA: If your agency receives VOCA funding, these funds may be used for travel and attendance at the AVAA. Contact your DPS VOCA Coordinator.
- APAAC: **Prosecuting Agencies Only.** Prosecuting agency employees and volunteers can apply for an APAAC scholarship by submitting a letter of request on agency letterhead signed by the head of the agency by no later than the close of business, May 1, 2006. For more information contact Ed Cook: 602-265-4779.
- AVAA: Partial Scholarships in the amount of \$375 are available. Submit a financial need letter on agency letterhead with the AVAA application. The letter should include an explanation of the need for financial assistance, the anticipated benefits of Academy attendance for the individual and the agency, and an explanation of why agency funds could not pay for the \$500 registration fee.

NOVA Credentialing Training Hours

The AVAA meets the requirements for the 40 hours of core curriculum for preservice training required by NOVA for the National Advocate Credentialing Program. Other criteria may be required in addition to the 40 hour training to receive NOVA certification. Please contact NOVA at <http://www.trynova.org> for additional information about the National Advocate Credentialing Program.

Academy Partnership and Faculty

The AVAA is proud to be partnered with Northern Arizona University. NAU Faculty will instruct alongside Field Experts from around the State, providing a rich educational foundation grounded in practical application.

Academy Curriculum

An intensive comprehensive Arizona Academy text covering 18 subjects has been developed to serve as the Academy's curriculum. Attendees must attend the entire program and participate in all working group sessions, including evening sessions, or a certificate will not be awarded.

Academy Credit Option

Participants have the option of earning undergraduate or graduate academic credit. Mesa Community College offers undergraduate credit. Northern Arizona University offers both undergraduate and graduate level credit. Three academic credits will be granted upon completion of the Academy and all requisite conditions.

Participants seeking academic credit are responsible for paying the course tuition in addition to the general registration fee. Interested participants can contact Lynn Jones at NAU at lynn.jones@nau.edu or 928-523-6701 to obtain the course registration information. For Mesa Community College academic credit contact Bonnie Black at black@mail.mc.maricopa.edu or 480-461-7052.

Certificate of Graduation

Upon successful completion of the entire Academy, including participation in all Academy sessions, participants will be awarded a certificate from the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services.

2006 Arizona Victim Assistance Academy Application
Flagstaff, Arizona
June 4 – 9, 2006

Name: _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____

Agency/Department: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ County: _____

Number of years of direct victim service: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Education/Degree(s): _____ Year: _____ Major: _____

I am interested in receiving three units of undergraduate credit from:
NAU ☐ Yes ☐ No MCC ☐ Yes ☐ No

Scholarship Requested ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please include financial need letter.)

Please include all of the materials requested below. All application materials should be typed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Select the jurisdiction and one category below that best describes the type of organization you represent:

Jurisdiction: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ City/County ☐ Private/Nonprofit

Criminal Justice

- ☐ Police/Sheriff-based
- ☐ Prosecution-based
- ☐ Court-based
- ☐ Probation-based
- ☐ Corrections-based
- ☐ Parole-based
- ☐ Juvenile Justice-based

Community/Nonprofit

- ☐ All Victims
- ☐ Sexual Assault
- ☐ Domestic Violence
- ☐ Child Abuse
- ☐ Drunk Driving
- ☐ Homicide Support
- ☐ Missing/Exploited Children
- ☐ Elderly Victims

Additional Agencies

- ☐ Youth Services
- ☐ Native Americans
- ☐ Religious
- ☐ Hospital/Medical
- ☐ State VOCA Ass. Staff
- ☐ State Victim Comp Staff
- ☐ Other _____

2. Please indicate the types of victims that you primarily serve below. (Check no more than three boxes.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Drunk Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault | <input type="checkbox"/> Assault/Robbery | <input type="checkbox"/> Property/Economic Crime/Fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Abuse | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missing/Exploited Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Survivors of Homicide Victims | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs/Victims with Disabilities | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

3. Please indicate the types of services that you primarily provide for crime victims in your current position. (Check no more than five boxes.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice System Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24-hour Hotline | <input type="checkbox"/> Court Accompaniment | <input type="checkbox"/> Information/Referral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Training & Technical Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Notification | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Impact Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation Claim Assistance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term Counseling | | |